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ADDIS ABABA DAR ES SALAAM KINSHASA LUSAKA PARIS BONN 26 FEB.

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SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO KENYA

1. HEAD OF FAD EAST AFRICA DEPARTMENT, MARTIN EWANS, TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER FEBRUARY 26 THAT PLANS ARE NOW FIRM FOR A KENYAN DELGATION LED BY MINISTERS WAIYAKI AND KIBAKI TO COME TO LONDON THE WEEK OF MARCH 9 TO DISCUSS ASSISTANCE. THE UK PLANS TO OFFER KENYA A PACKAGE OF APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-FIVE MILLION POUNDS FOR MILITARY PURCHASES. THERMS, WHICH ARE NORMALLY 25 PERCENT DOWN AND REPAYMENT OVER FIVE YEARS, WILL IN THIS CASE BE 10 PER-CENT DOWN AND REPAYMENT OVER SEVEN YEARS. HMG WANTS TO BE AS GENEROUS AS POSSIBLE, EWANS SAID, AND PARTICULARLY WANTS TO MINIMIZE KENYA'S FINANCIAL BURDENS OVER THE NEXT CRUCIAL TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS.

2. EWANS ALSO MENTIONED THAT WHEN MOD PERMANENT SECRETARY KIEREINI PASSED THROUGH HERE ON RETURN FROM HIS SUC-

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CESSFUL MISSION TO WASHINGTON, HE IMPLIED IN BROAD TERMS

THAT THE FRENCH ARE ALSO PREPARED TO BE HELPFUL, APPARENTLY ON THE SAME ORDER OF MAGNITUDE AS THE BRITISH AND AMERICANS. KIEREINI ALSO BELIEVES THE GERMANS ARE NOW MORE INCLINED TO LENDING A HAND. THE KENYANS ARE OBVIOUSLY TRYING HARD TO PUT TOGETHER A FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT TO MEET THEIR MILITARY GOALS. EWANS COMMENTED THAT KIEREINI SEEMED VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED FOR EQUIPMENT COMPATIBILITY AS THE GOK GOES SHOPPING IN DIFFERENT MARKETS.

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